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Community *notes*

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Food Pantry Donations Needed:

HopeWorks, Howard County's Sexual Assault and Domestic



Violence Center, and the Howard County Food Bank are asking for donations for their food pantries. These organizations maintain pantries that are available to their clients who need assistance in acquiring essential food, personal, and household items. They are in urgent need various items, including

shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, and baby wipes. To see the full list, you can go to their [website](#).

If you can donate any of these urgent need items please call (410) 997 - 0304 or email Joyce Hoelzer, the Volunteer Program Coordinator, at jhoelzer@wearehopeworks.org. You can also go to their website to see other ways to give back.

In Their Shoes Teen Workshop

HopeWorks is also hosting two sessions of the [In Their Shoes](#) workshop on October 29, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. at their office at 5457 Twin Knolls Road. This workshop is an experiential workshop designed to help teens confront and understand dating violence. Teen participants have the opportunity to move, think, and experience the lives of teens facing relationship violence through an interactive storytelling simulation. The activity is followed by a powerful discussion about how dating violence affects teens. This workshop will be facilitated by teen advocates from HopeWorks Youth Leadership Project. Participants can receive one hour of school community service time for this workshop.

Greetings

Tomorrow's weather is predicted to be rainy but Saturday and Sunday may be fair and cool. There will be many activities that the whole family can enjoy, indoors and out. Hopefully, you will find a community event or two that suits you.

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Fun at Wilde Lake

Young Frankenstein

It's alive! The electrifying adaptation of Mel Brooks' monstrously funny film graces the stage thanks to local theater



collaborative [Silhouette Stages](#).

This classic American horror comedy is the tale of Frederick Frankenstein, grandson of Victor Frankenstein, Frederick inherits his family's estate in Transylvania.

With the help of a hunchbacked side-kick, Igor, and a lab assistant, Inga, Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. Weekend shows at Slayton House until October 30. General admission [tickets](#) are \$20.00 per person. Discounts are available for seniors and active duty military, with ID.

Bernice Kish Gallery Presents: Brenda Kidera

The [Bernice Kish Gallery](#) at Slayton House (10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia) displays the works of Brenda Kidera and her students. The exhibit runs from Thursday, October 20 through Saturday, December 17. All are welcome to attend an open reception on Saturday, October 22, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., which includes refreshments and music.



Just Jazzin'

Bridges to Housing Stability proudly presents [Just Jazzin'](#), a night of smooth jazz sounds with Wake Campbell, the Gail Marten Quartet and Ron Holloway, on Saturday, November 5 at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center at 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045.



Three acts will entertain you and your guests from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Just Jazzin's talented featured artists present a

diverse array of styles. This fun event is sure to satisfy any music lover. [Tickets](#) are available for \$65, which includes one drink and light fare. This event may sell out, so it's recommended that you purchase your tickets early. Printed tickets must be presented upon entrance. The name on the registration list must match the ticket.



Every ticket purchase benefits the Bridges to Housing Stability mission: to prevent homelessness by providing effective services and compelling advocacy that result in housing stability for Howard County households.

Countdown to Halloween at Elioak Farm

This weekend, October 22 and 23, is a great time to visit Clark's Elioak Farm and pick up your pumpkins if you haven't already. While you're there, you should wander on over to the Enchanted Pine Tree Forest and play in the rope maze, or enjoy face painting and some of their great rides! Top it all off with Scoop & Paddle Ice Cream and fresh local cider. Visit their [website](#) to see more upcoming events.

"American Hero" Opens at Rep Stage

Rep Stage, the regional theatre in residence at Howard Community College, continues its 24th season with Bess Wohl's "[American Hero](#)," directed by Suzanne Beal. The show opens Wednesday, November 2, 2016, with a limited run through Sunday, November 20 in the Studio Theatre of the Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center at Howard Community College (10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia). There will be post-show discussions on November 6, 11, and 18. A pre-show lecture will be held prior to the 2 p.m. performance on November 19. The story centers on several sub shop employees. When their shot at the American dream is interrupted by a series of strange events, the trio become unlikely allies in a post-recession world. "American Hero" is a supersized dark comedy about life, liberty, and the pursuit of sandwiches. [Tickets](#) are \$40 for general admission, with discounts available for seniors, students, and the military. Wednesdays and the first Thursday are pay-what-you-can performances.

Columbia Association Fall 2016 Campfire

Join Columbia Association Camps for a fun-filled campfire on Saturday, October 22 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy roasting marshmallows, making s'mores, playing games and participating in an arts and crafts activity at the Wilde Lake Barn (10027 HylaBrook Road, Columbia). Free for all families. All children must have a parent or guardian present during the campfire. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call 410-715-3165 or visit the [website](#).

Tips for Avoiding Home Solicitation Scams

The Office Of Consumer Protection (OCP) recommends staying alert to potential door-to-door scams that are aimed at stealing your money or identity. They've compiled the following list:

- In Howard County, door-to-door soliciting is allowed only between 9:00 a.m. and sunset.
- Door-to-door solicitors who sell goods or services or request donations must first register with the OCP. Registered solicitors are given an ID card which they must carry at all times, and show to anyone who asks.
- Solicitors working in Howard County are required to leave a resident's property when asked. If you decide to talk with a solicitor, first ask to see their ID card. If they do not have the ID, ask the person to leave and report the solicitor to the police or OCP.
- Before making a major purchase, research the company and ask for references.
- Be especially wary of home improvement contractors or tree services that claim that they are "doing work in your neighborhood." Such "traveling" contractors often do not have valid State licenses, or County IDs.
- Before you sign a contract or pay any money, read the contract thoroughly to make sure that all of the seller's claims or promises are included. The contract should also include a notice about your 3-day right to cancel under the MD Door to Door Sales Act along with a cancellation form you can use if you decide to cancel.
- If you feel threatened or are not able to get the salesperson to leave, call 911 for police assistance.

To report unregistered solicitors or to get more information on shopping for home improvements or other goods or services, contact the OCP at 410-313-6420 or via [email](#), or visit their [website](#).

Stargazing & S'mores

Terrapin Adventures offers [Stargazing & S'mores](#) as a fun way to celebrate the season. Take in the expanse of our universe with an illuminating night hike, while guides entertain guests with colorful stories of constellations and star facts. After the hike, participants roast s'mores over an open campfire, then enjoy the night sky while experiencing 2 G's of thrills on a giant swing. Tickets for the next two hour tour on Friday, November 4 are available on the [website](#).



Candlelight Concert Society Presents: Behzod Abduraimov

Piano sensation Behzod Abduraimov takes the stage on Saturday, October 29 at 8:00 p.m. at the Horowitz Center's Smith Theatre (Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia). [Candlelight Concert Society](#) is proud to welcome this award-winning, world-renowned musician. Tickets are available [online](#).



Bike with a Cop

On Saturday, October 29, join the Howard County Police Department Pathway Patrol officers as they ride around the Columbia Lakefront. Wear a Halloween costume for extra fun. [Bike with a Cop](#) is geared towards five to twelve year olds and their parents. Time slots available from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Call 410-313-2207 to register.

Youth and Teen Center Toiletry Drive

The Columbia Association's (CA) Youth and Teen Center's Teen Outreach Committee is collecting items for its [toiletry drive](#) to benefit families in need living in Columbia and Howard County. Accepted items include, but are not limited to, feminine products, tissues, soap, wipes, diapers, lotion, toothbrushes, paper towels, fabric softener, dish detergent and laundry detergent. For more information, call 410-992-3726 or [email](#) the CA. Donations are accepted at any of the 10 village community associations. The drive ends Friday, November 18.

Deer Management Program Updates

Department of Recreation & Parks announces additions to 2016-2017 Deer Management Program. This program is held to help maintain a stable, balanced white-tailed deer population on county lands where deer browsing has been shown to reduce biodiversity. The sites and schedule for 2016-2017 are available on the [website](#). A Deer Management Reference Manual is available to help homeowners and gardeners live in harmony with white-tailed deer. The manual is located in all county library branches and contains information on the use of deer repellents, fencing to protect crops and property, how to avoid auto-deer collisions and Lyme Disease prevention. For more information on the deer management program, call the Department of Recreation & Parks at 410-313-1675.



Upcoming Events

Trick or Treat Among the Trees

Ages 5 years and up with a parent. \$10 per child, \$5 per adult. Celebrate Halloween with a trick-or-treating adventure along the Robinson Nature Center trail where each stop offers fun, live interpretation of fall nature happenings and healthy treats from our sponsors (Giant Foods and David's Natural Market) to take home. Pre-register for a program time and arrive promptly as your group leaves for the trail immediately. Please note that our trails are unpaved and not easily navigable with a stroller. (The Enchanted Forest Trick-IT-Treat program is a stroller-friendly option.) All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration/Info: 410-313-0400 or [Robinson's webpage](#).

Family Bingo Night!

Friday, October 21, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The Hawthorn Center

6175 Sunny Spring, Columbia, MD 21044

Looking for a fun way to spend Friday night with your family? Come to the Hawthorn Center's bingo night for snacks, fun, and a chance to win prizes!

12th Annual Jazz at the Lake Concert

Saturday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.

Jim Rouse Theatre

5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, MD 21044

Hear the award-winning Wilde Lake High School Jazz Ensemble and featured guest performer Mike Rodriguez. Tickets are available [online](#) or at the door.

ZooBOOO!

October 28 - October 30, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Waterfowl Lake, The Maryland Zoo

It's a spooktacular time at the Maryland Zoo! Put on your favorite costume, enjoy free trick-or-treating, costume contests, fun carnival games, crafts, live entertainment, yummy food and more! It's bound to be a frightfully fun & wild time. ZooBOOO! is free with general admission; some activities require an additional fee. Click [here](#) for all the details.



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